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MONTHLY COMPLETION REPORT ON U.S. OIL, GAS AND DRY WELLS

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. Therefore, these data are preliminary and subject to revision. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core test and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells completion and footage drilled is available on a quarterly basis, in the API publication entitled the **"Quarterly Completion Report"**.

Cumulative Number of Wells Completed as Reported

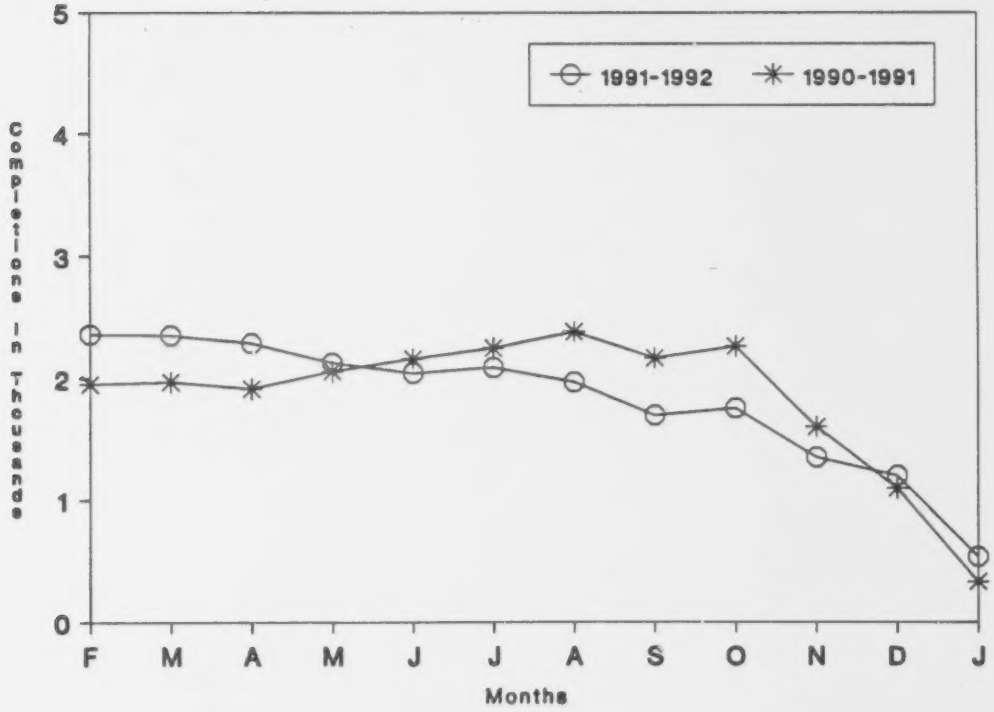

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 31, 1992[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1992	178	1,025,962	94	605,456	265	1,420,076	537	3,051,494	554	3,096,104
1992: JAN	178	1,025,962	94	605,456	265	1,420,076	537	3,051,494	554	3,096,104
TOTAL 1991	10,043	48,480,489	7,033	38,240,171	6,700	35,922,853	23,776	122,651,513	24,632	125,083,797
1991: DEC	436	2,351,819	316	1,986,264	454	2,623,225	1,206	6,961,308	1,248	7,104,162
NOV	515	2,546,598	333	2,350,089	509	2,615,385	1,357	7,512,872	1,403	7,632,125
OCT	697	3,321,872	496	2,853,635	570	3,011,749	1,763	9,187,256	1,799	9,306,350
SEP	650	3,168,965	537	2,746,108	515	2,777,345	1,702	8,692,418	1,745	8,876,185
AUG	817	3,916,533	580	3,161,172	578	3,070,760	1,975	10,148,465	2,034	10,326,440
JUL	808	3,849,889	666	3,524,792	617	3,183,844	2,091	10,558,525	2,189	10,854,529
JUN	821	3,856,523	672	3,663,514	551	2,914,816	2,044	10,434,853	2,123	10,651,478
MAY	934	4,420,436	624	3,230,555	571	2,816,451	2,129	10,467,442	2,225	10,668,250
APR	1,023	4,961,391	667	3,616,898	600	3,243,398	2,290	11,821,687	2,379	12,089,991
MAR	1,075	5,313,336	696	3,718,432	582	3,248,753	2,353	12,280,521	2,412	12,510,668
FEB	1,117	5,213,403	649	3,526,776	594	3,258,090	2,360	11,998,269	2,452	12,232,054
JAN	1,150	5,567,724	797	3,861,136	559	3,159,037	2,506	12,587,897	2,623	12,841,565
TOTAL 1990	11,663	52,615,706	9,746	50,670,075	8,046	42,214,701	29,455	145,500,482	30,243	147,671,792
1990: DEC	1,110	5,230,305	809	4,281,448	699	3,777,025	2,618	13,288,778	2,682	13,478,986
NOV	1,106	4,689,560	728	3,798,303	780	3,724,734	2,614	12,212,597	2,698	12,415,734
OCT	1,177	5,092,756	982	4,837,553	788	4,042,434	2,947	13,972,743	2,998	14,124,355
SEP	1,017	4,420,628	890	4,390,111	700	3,615,268	2,607	12,426,007	2,654	12,543,770
AUG	1,071	4,543,847	949	4,440,600	730	3,519,606	2,750	12,504,053	2,820	12,664,708
JUL	941	4,201,276	925	4,545,162	692	3,511,644	2,558	12,258,082	2,615	12,418,130
JUN	896	4,072,921	829	4,032,126	668	3,516,044	2,393	11,621,091	2,481	11,860,986
MAY	838	4,052,744	765	4,029,429	603	3,205,362	2,206	11,287,535	2,297	11,501,481
APR	839	3,865,473	640	3,546,503	594	3,385,195	2,073	10,797,171	2,138	10,958,235
MAR	852	4,045,728	685	4,025,459	568	3,008,357	2,105	11,079,544	2,161	11,256,784
FEB	832	3,802,395	698	4,001,534	534	2,962,959	2,054	10,766,888	2,102	10,937,660
JAN	984	4,598,073	846	4,741,847	700	3,946,073	2,530	13,285,993	2,597	13,510,963
TOTAL 1989	10,203	42,901,294	9,003	46,570,057	8,231	42,041,094	27,437	131,512,445	28,110	133,736,115
TOTAL 1988	13,370	57,382,193	8,289	43,986,073	10,047	52,221,518	31,706	153,589,784	32,725	156,614,377

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 31, 1992[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1992	13	95,481	6	44,613	99	574,846	118	714,940
1992: JAN	13	95,481	6	44,613	99	574,846	118	714,940
TOTAL 1991	515	3,279,386	389	2,579,204	2,983	17,315,756	3,887	23,174,346
1991: DEC	28	206,143	22	99,058	200	1,128,589	250	1,433,790
NOV	16	86,408	21	161,537	246	1,316,682	283	1,564,627
OCT	28	168,304	33	182,800	250	1,335,392	311	1,666,496
SEP	37	253,903	21	120,461	216	1,302,743	274	1,677,107
AUG	46	312,834	32	217,313	287	1,619,524	365	2,149,671
JUL	54	336,176	32	206,434	287	1,695,767	373	2,238,377
JUN	49	296,079	37	271,198	238	1,414,375	324	1,981,652
MAY	39	235,972	33	252,307	237	1,310,404	309	1,798,683
APR	52	357,256	35	230,639	259	1,545,137	346	2,133,032
MAR	57	383,589	30	203,830	259	1,610,715	346	2,198,134
FEB	49	323,893	50	354,970	259	1,563,599	358	2,242,462
JAN	60	338,829	43	278,657	245	1,472,829	348	2,090,315
TOTAL 1990	636	4,229,234	630	4,269,726	3,715	21,317,202	4,981	29,816,162
1990: DEC	50	374,644	54	310,031	347	1,917,091	451	2,609,766
NOV	49	324,631	40	308,076	335	1,793,198	424	2,425,905
OCT	61	321,852	63	400,061	356	2,039,997	480	2,761,910
SEP	55	350,023	41	291,683	314	1,752,042	410	2,393,748
AUG	75	472,889	65	405,326	301	1,678,954	441	2,557,169
JUL	55	393,749	63	413,765	341	1,829,322	459	2,636,836
JUN	58	413,346	50	352,290	312	1,766,121	420	2,531,757
MAY	41	264,859	44	321,639	259	1,560,296	344	2,146,794
APR	59	393,131	57	397,376	287	1,811,093	403	2,601,600
MAR	50	352,598	54	389,378	260	1,493,519	364	2,235,495
FEB	35	235,034	43	307,344	240	1,508,133	318	2,050,511
JAN	48	332,478	56	364,757	363	2,167,436	467	2,864,671
TOTAL 1989	601	3,577,505	680	4,370,963	3,962	21,728,228	5,243	29,676,696
TOTAL 1988	813	4,925,226	697	4,691,098	4,755	26,920,539	6,265	36,544,863

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1992

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1992	178	1,025,962	94	605,456	265	1,420,076	537	3,051,494	554	3,096,104
1992: JAN	178	1,025,962	94	605,456	265	1,420,076	537	3,051,494	554	3,096,104
TOTAL 1991	828	3,530,767	745	4,531,571	513	2,770,485	2,086	10,832,823	2,140	10,982,303
1991: DEC	317	1,759,199	275	1,764,766	230	1,428,169	822	4,952,134	839	5,030,900
NOV	155	724,619	139	1,003,733	100	549,990	394	2,278,342	402	2,306,864
OCT	99	337,596	107	590,374	52	250,126	258	1,178,096	264	1,184,483
SEP	39	154,989	88	335,210	30	162,606	157	652,813	164	669,800
AUG	30	102,343	31	147,387	23	111,331	84	361,061	85	362,304
JUL	24	49,221	31	135,599	18	71,613	73	256,433	75	257,559
JUN	34	56,115	18	115,479	21	73,805	73	245,399	75	246,419
MAY	32	89,270	9	37,735	3	9,286	44	136,291	50	141,457
APR	21	59,358	18	115,812	15	33,431	54	208,601	57	216,031
MAR	31	94,697	14	128,837	5	8,995	50	232,529	52	235,362
FEB	37	67,189	7	83,911	9	40,598	53	191,698	53	191,698
JAN	9	36,171	8	72,720	7	30,535	24	139,426	24	139,426
TOTAL 1990	119	451,996	79	535,690	50	153,384	248	1,141,070	249	1,144,600
1990: DEC	19	48,046	12	84,628	9	42,114	40	174,788	41	178,318
NOV	17	26,793	10	73,122	5	4,426	32	104,341	32	104,341
OCT	16	72,336	10	82,288	8	25,543	34	180,167	34	180,167
SEP	9	44,239	5	33,604	7	12,426	21	90,269	21	90,269
AUG	8	40,508	7	40,208	5	9,841	20	90,557	20	90,557
JUL	20	86,450	8	57,907	3	1,957	31	146,314	31	146,314
JUN	11	54,675	4	24,880	2	814	17	80,369	17	80,369
MAY	7	41,670	2	20,185	4	28,166	13	90,021	13	90,021
APR	5	23,883	5	27,311	3	13,293	13	64,487	13	64,487
MAR	3	10,617	7	25,070	1	2,207	11	37,894	11	37,894
FEB	2	1,592	3	28,814	0	0	5	30,406	5	30,406
JAN	2	1,187	6	37,673	3	12,597	11	51,457	11	51,457
TOTAL 1989	10	31,059	31	99,689	17	47,606	58	168,354	58	168,354
YRS PRIOR TO 1989	15	61,746	17	26,015	36	95,101	68	182,862	77	227,080
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,150	5,091,530	966	5,798,421	881	4,486,652	2,997	15,376,603	3,078	15,618,441

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 31, 1992. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period December 28, 1991 through January 31, 1992. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.